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SUBJ: MAJOR PROJECT: FISHERIES RESEARCH PROJECTS

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1. VENEZUELA'S NATIONAL COUNCIL ON SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND  
TECHNOLOGY (CONICIT) HAS MADE PUBLIC ITS INTEREST IN FINANCING  
SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN THREE AREAS OF FISHS  
IES OPERATIONS  
AND MANAGEMENT. THEY ARE:

(A) PROSPECTING FOR NEW COMMERCIAL FISHERIES RE-  
SOURCES. THIS WILL CALL FOR EXPLORATORY FISHING OPERATIONS  
USING HYDROACOUSTICAL TECHNIQUES AND WILL BE DIRECTED PRINCIPALLY  
AT POSSIBLE SARDINE RESOURCES OFF THE VENEZUELAN COAST.  
THE QUANTIFICATION OF TUNA RESOURCES WILL ALSO BE A GOAL AS  
WILL EXPLORATORY FISHING OPERATIONS IN WATERS DEEPER THAN  
120 METERS AND DRAGGING OPERATIONS IN "MEDIUM DEPTH" WATERS.

(B) EXPLOITATION OPERATIONS AND THEIR ORGANIZATION.  
THIS WILL INCLUDE THE DETERMINATION OF THE EXISTENCE  
OF SARDINES OR OTHER PELAGIC SPECIES AND A PERMANENT EVALUATION  
OF SAME. IT WILL ALSO DEAL WITH BIOLOGIC, ECONOMIC, SOCIAL,  
AND LEGAL ASPECTS OF DRAGGING OPERATIONS (PESCA DE ARRASTRE  
DE FONDO). OTHER STUDIES TO BE CONDUCTED UNDER THIS SECTOR  
INCLUDE THE DEVELOPMENT OF TECHNOLOGIES RELATED TO THE FISHING  
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OF SEA BASS (MERO) AND PORGY (PARGO); THE TECHNOLOGY OF FISHING

FROM SMALL POWERED FISHING BOATS AND THEIR UTILIZATION IN SPECIFIC AREAS; THE SOCIAL ORGANIZATION OF FISHERMAN AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF PROFITS FROM FISHING; AND THE ORGANIZATION OF EXTENSION SERVICES AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO FISHERMEN.

(C) DETERMINATION OF THE PRODUCTIVITY AND PRIMARY PRODUCTION OF NATURAL AND ARTIFICIAL BODIES OF WATER.

(D) ? ?3#-;894 -,\$ #-?85 (SPATIAL AND TEMPORAL DISTRIBUTION) OF THE MOST IMPORTANT COMMERCIAL SPECIES.

(E) EXPLOITATION OF THE RESOURCES: YIELD; CONSERVATION AND QUALITY OF FISH; FISHING COMMUNITIES AND FISHING ORGANIZATIONS; COST-BENEFIT ANALYSIS OF FISHING.

(F) AREAS AND TECHNOLOGIES APPROPRIATE TO THE STUDY OF THE CULTIVATION OF OYSTERS, SHRIMP, CRABS, AND MUSSELS.

(C) SELECTION OF FISH FOR CULTIVATION ON THE BASIS OF GROWTH, REPRODUCTION, FEEDING, SUSCEPTIBILITY TO PARASITES, COSTS OF PRODUCTION, AND MARKETABILITY.

2. RESEARCH PROJECT PROPOSALS SHOULD BE SENT TO: CONICIT; DIRECCION GENERAL DE FOMENTO; DIVISION DE DESARROLLO CIENTIFICO Y TECNOLÓGICO; APARTADO 70617-LOS RUICES; CARACAS, VENEZUELA. NO CLOSING DATE FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF RESEARCH PROJECTS HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED.

3. COMMENT: THE POST CONTACTED CONICIT REGARDING POSSIBILITY OF PARTICIPATION BY SUBTECHNOLOGICALLY-QUALIFIED FIRMS AS A FOLLOW-UP TO CARACAS 11040. A CONICIT OFFICIAL WAS VAGUE IN REPLYING THAT ANY NON-VENEZUELAN PARTICIPATION WOULD HAVE TO "BENEFIT THE COUNTRY." HE STRESSED THAT CONICIT BELIEVED THAT THE STUDY WORK IT WAS PREPARED TO FINANCE COULD BE CARRIED OUT BY VENEZUELAN UNIVERSITIES OR PRIVATE RESEARCH FIRMS. NEVERTHELESS, POST BELIEVES THAT EXPERTISE NEEDED TO CONDUCT THE ABOVE FISHERIES RESEARCH PROJECTS DOES NOT NOW EXIST IN VENEZUELA. IF USDOC FINDS SPECIALIZED U.S. FIRM, 0-458:80-58, & 8, 5#3 -9;3 049'3:5, POST WILL CONTACT CONICIT TO EXPLORE FURTHER POSSIBILITIES AND/OR SEEK POSSIBLE PARTNERS IN VENEZUELAN UNCLASSIFIED

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